

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice of Allowability on June 18, 2010, allowing Claims 1, 3, 6, 8 and 14. Payment of the Issue Fee is due on September 18, 2010. Applicant thanks the Office for the allowance.

Applicant is seeking amendment to Claims 1, 6 and 8, and cancellation of Claim 3, as shown in the Listing of Claims. Applicant is submitting this amendment prior to the due date for paying the Issue Fee.

Applicant is seeking amendment to Claims 1, 6 and 8 to correct various inadvertent occurrences of "determined" to --obtained--, and to provide the article --the-- before the phrase "plurality of color component data" towards the end of each claim. In Claim 8, "second" has also been corrected to --section--.

Applicant submits that the amendments do not affect the scope of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes no additional search/examination will be required. Further, Applicant submits that amended Claims 1, 6 and 8 remains patentable and is fully supported by the specification and drawings.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amendments and the remarks. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 502456.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner may contact
Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

September 13, 2010

/Thomas C. Schoeffler/

Date

Thomas C. Schoeffler
Reg. No. 43,385
Patent Agent for Applicant

Canon U.S.A. Inc.
Intellectual Property Division
15975 Alton Parkway
Irvine, CA 92618-3731

Telephone: (949) 932-3141
Fax: (949) 932-3560